

My friends on the Republican side of the aisle call this "economic stimulus." These are good corporations. They are strong corporations. They do not need a rebate of taxes they have paid since 1986.

What we need in this country is an economic stimulus package that goes to people who will spend it, not \$25 billion to the largest American corporations.

#### FEDERALIZE AIRLINE SECURITY

(Mr. UDALL of New Mexico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I visited the airport in my State over the last weekend, and there were many new security measures in that airport put in place, and the National Guard was greatly appreciated in terms of their presence. But we can do a lot better when it comes to security. We should match all bags with passengers, we should federalize airline security, we can require overseas airlines to disclose passenger lists before they arrive in the United States, and we can require all luggage be X-rayed for bombs.

The Senate has acted 100 to nothing. We do not have a bill on the floor. We need a bill. We need a bill now. It is absolutely unacceptable that we are not working on airline safety.

#### HOUSE GIVEN CHOICE ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGES

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a lot this morning about the opposition on the other side of the aisle opposing the stimulus package that is being presented on the floor today for a vote. But the way this works, there will be an opportunity for the opposition to present their version of a stimulus package, so we will have a choice here today.

The Republican version does help companies, small businesses, because those are the institutions that hire people. In Kansas, four out of five jobs are in small businesses. There is business expense and depreciation that will help small businesses in this stimulus package. One of the largest corporations in the Nation is the Boeing Company; but in Wichita, Kansas, they are laying off workers. They need help. They need a stimulus package. There is something in here to help them hire back those people.

We act like the great villains are the businesses in America. The people in business provide the jobs so that taxes will be paid by individual workers. That is in the Republican version, and that is a very good part of it.

Now, the opposition is going to present their version, and what it does is it raises taxes. It starts new programs.

I urge my colleagues to accept the Republican version.

#### FEDERALIZE AIRPORT SECURITY NOW

(Mr. MEEHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, my district in Massachusetts has been very hard hit by the events of September 11. Twenty-eight families in my district have been devastated, with 28 victims who were on flights, a vast majority of them, on American and United Airlines.

As I met with families who have been devastated, overwhelmingly they say to me, if you do nothing else, please make airports and airplanes in this country safe. If you do nothing else. Overwhelmingly they say to me, federalize security at the airports. They say to me, we noticed the other body voted 100 to nothing to federalize airport security. Why can the House of Representatives not do the same?

I do not have an answer for those families. Apparently, there is somebody on the other side of the aisle that does not want to federalize security at airports.

On behalf of the families who have been devastated in my district, I urge the leadership of this House to bring that airport security bill down to the floor of the House of Representatives that passed 100 to nothing in the other body. Let us get it done this week.

#### CONGRESS MUST DO BETTER ON ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the President and our congressional leadership have suggested that we are in this effort for the long haul. They have pointed out that we are in the equivalent of war, that we were attacked on September 11, not unlike Pearl Harbor. We have been urged, I think, in our efforts to reach out to the American people.

I am saddened that we are today turning our back on the bipartisanship, on working together, in terms of doing our best that these times demand.

My colleague just pointed out the lunacy of the proposal that is brought before us, that is too big for the White House in economic stimulus. It has very little direct aid to those most in need. It has huge benefits for a few corporate giants, with no requirement that this be tied back to economic stimulus.

But my concern is why are we settling in this time of urgency for a return to partisanship and divisiveness? This bill is not our best. I urge Congress to not give up so soon.

#### POLITICAL PROFITEERING ON STIMULUS BILL

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Republican-leaning USA Today writes about the so-called stimulus bill. They write, "The House takes up today a special wartime stimulus bill that is little more than good old-fashioned special interest giveaway. The Republican House has decided to repay corporate patrons for their years of campaign support. The House lavishes tax benefits," USA Today says, "on just about everyone with a lobbyist. Companies get 70 percent of the tax cuts in 2002, and some of these breaks are permanent. These are times," USA Today says, "that require everyone to put aside petty self-interest and everyday horse trading for the country's good. Yet House Republican leaders showed an unwillingness to do that with the refusal to consider federalizing the Nation's airport security system. Now they are at it again with their brazen attempt to use the current crisis to please well-heeled special interests."

Mr. Speaker, excessive partisanship at this difficult time in our Nation's history is bad enough, but this kind of political profiteering by House Republicans is down right shameful.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now resume proceedings on postponed questions, as follows:

First, on suspending the rules and passing H.R. 3162;

Second, on approving the Journal.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for the second electronic vote in this series.

#### UNITING AND STRENGTHENING AMERICA BY PROVIDING APPROPRIATE TOOLS REQUIRED TO INTERCEPT AND OBSTRUCT TERRORISM (USA PATRIOT) ACT OF 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 3162.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by